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NTCA dinner to feature author

Save the date for NTCA's annual Foundational Fund dinner, scheduled for Thursday, March 31st. The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Tim Elmore, who has written a book titled *Generation iY – Our Last Chance to Save Their Future*.

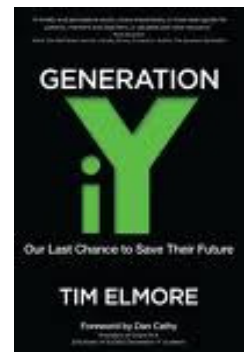
Dr. Elmore is an excellent speaker with an excellent message. His book is written about the second half of Gen Y, the population born since 1990. The Gen iY world has been shaped by iTunes, iMacs, iPods, iPads and for many of them, life is pretty much about "I." The book, however, is not another chance to



Dr. Elmore

whine about kids today. Quite the opposite, it's a book offering a plan to re-think how we raise, lead, and minister to this emerging generation. Dr. Elmore will give parents, teachers, grandparents, and youth leaders a practical plan for equipping Gen iY to be the best version of themselves.

Along with our dinner and guest speaker, we will have a silent auction. We will need volunteers for all areas of this important fundraiser. Please mark your calendar to attend, and please consider where you can volunteer to help make this a huge success for NTCA.



Students present Christmas program Dec. 9

NTCA will present its annual Christmas program on Thursday, December 9th, at 7:00 p.m. Elementary and middle school students have been working hard on this year's production of "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen" under the direction of Mrs. Melanie Boyle.

In the program, Sergeant Joe Sabbath is charged with keeping the peace in the sleepy little town of Bethlehem, and he likes things QUIET! When word

reaches him that a band of rowdy shepherds is inbound from the fields outside of town, boisterously celebrating with wild tales of angels and such, he is determined to get to the bottom of this case! Of course, what he discovers is no simple "disturbing the peace" beef. It seems he's stumbled upon the caper that changed the world!

The preschool students will perform a prelude to the featured production

under the direction of Mrs. Belinda Phillips. Kindergarten Readiness and Preschool students need to be in their classrooms by 6:45 p.m. to prepare for their part of the program. All students should wear holiday/Sunday best.

At the conclusion of the prelude, KR and Preschool students will be dismissed by class from the stage to their parents. There will be a short intermission and then the upper grades will present their play.

A Message from Mrs. Young

The holiday season is upon us! Thanksgiving has come and gone, and we are looking forward to Christmas. It is the time of year that I love the most IF I find time to enjoy everything. I love the way that most people are in the holiday spirit. I love that Christians are celebrating Jesus' birth. I love that it is easy to talk to our friends and neighbors about Jesus. BUT I don't enjoy the hustle and bustle and the traffic around the malls and shopping centers!!!! So I have to stop and remember the reason for the season every single day. I also have to remember that spending time with family is so important. Life on this earth is for a season, take time to enjoy the good times. Remembering our heavenly Father and the gift of His son helps me focus on the family time that we will spend together in eternity.

I am so grateful to the parent volunteers who spent countless hours decorating our float for the McKinney Parade of Lights. Our float was wonderful and so creative! Our students were dressed as presents or wore recycled hats. We had so many families come and participate in the evening, with some riding the float and many walking behind it. It was a fun time! Thanks to everyone!

Please be praying for our school as the New Year approaches. We are growing and growing. I ask that you pray for those making decisions about joining the NTCA family. It is an exciting time to be at NTCA!

Students take trip to Medieval Times

The fifth, sixth and seventh graders had an amazing time on their field trip to Medieval Times on November 12th. They want to thank everyone for their support in raising the money through snack sales at school and the baby-sitting night. They learned so much about the middle ages. Mrs. Foster, their teacher, said it was like traveling in a time machine to medieval Spain.



Author Visit



Children's book author Debbie Reece visited with students last month, reading and signing copies of her book "The Christmas Pumpkin."

Cougar of the Month

Morgan Krizek was the October Cougar of the Month. She is in Mrs. Dooley's first grade class.

"It was easy to choose Morgan Krizek as Student of the Week from the first grade class for being respectful. It is very appropriate that she should be honored as the Cougar of the Month for October," said Mrs. Dooley. "She is very respectful to both her teachers and other classmates. She listens, and follows directions well. She is also very courteous and uses polite words with her teachers and peers. She sets a good ex-



Morgan Krizek

ample of respect for her classmates to follow."

Congratulations, Morgan!

Classroom News

Kindergarten Readiness

KR continues to work on letters, sounds, and blends, and we are making words! Yea! We are practicing for our Christmas program this month, and we will be talking about winter and holidays. Our annual "Christmas Around the World" is coming up before the Christmas break. Some of our parents will be talking with us about their home countries. We will be learning about Germany, Mexico, Africa, Italy, and the United States. We will be eating some foods, making crafts, and hearing stories from those countries.

Kindergarten

The end of November in kindergarten has been very busy! The main fun thing was our short Thanksgiving play where we acted like animals and saw how they can also be thankful! We have also started reading words with short vowels and are doing a great job! In math we have continued to make very hard patterns and learned some new math games that really make us think. We can't wait to start learning about Christmas and all the things God has blessed us with.



October Students of the Week

Week of October 4

KR – Miranda Mitchell

K – Mara Dooley

1st –Abraham Ndofor

2nd –Zach Kearl

3rd –Bradley Wolgamott

4th –Haylee Winstead

5th/6th/7th –Garrett Kirkconnell

Week of October 18

KR – Marc Boucher

K – Anders Klovstad

1st –Landree Wilson

2nd –Hayden Winstead

3rd –Josh Mendoza

4th –Tate Chaffin

5th/6th/7th –Kelsey Jones

Week of October 11

KR – Jadon Demmel

K – Daniela Morales

1st –Morgan Krizek

2nd –McKenzi Adkins

3rd –Cora Brewer

4th –Garrett Krizek

5th/6th/7th –Dawson Boyle

Week of October 25

KR – Bryce Glines

K – Bryce Tennison

1st –Ryan Humphrey

2nd –Elisa Chacon

3rd –Trinity Cristina

4th –Colton Leach

5th/6th/7th –Preston Campbell

Cubs Corner



In December, our pre-school students are learning about Jesus' birth, blessings, and winter.

Preschoolers are also studying the letters J, K, and L; the color green; and the star shape.

The memory verse students are learning is Matthew 1:23: "And she will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel which means, God with us."

Thanksgiving Program

Elementary and Middle School students presented their annual Thanksgiving program on November 19th, followed by the Thanksgiving Feast catered by Spring Creek Barbecue. BELOW: Mrs. Hart's Kindergarten class showed how even animals have much to be thankful for. ABOVE, RIGHT: The Kindergarten Readiness class sang about a turkey in the barnyard. BELOW, RIGHT: Mrs. Dooley's first grade class recited a poem entitled "Thanksgiving at Plymouth" while holding up pictures depicting pilgrim life.



Students' Scavenger Hunt collects for the Food Pantry

Third grade won the NTCA Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt, bringing in 98 items for the High Pointe Food Pantry. They also collected the most number of different items on the list, bringing in 42 different items from the list. Seven out of 10 third graders participated in the hunt.

The hunt collected 409 items to stock the shelves at the High Pointe Food Pantry.

Other results by class:

Kindergarten: 62 items, with 5 out of 9 students participating.

1st grade: 88 items, with 4 of 13 students participating.

2nd grade: 18 items, with 3 of 10 students participating.

4th grade: 36 items, with 3 of 7 students participating.

5th grade: 38 items, with 2 of 5 students participating.

6th and 7th grade: 69 items, with 3 of 10 students participating.



Mrs. Owens' third grade class proudly displays the canned goods they collected as part of the NTCA Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt benefitting the High Pointe Food Pantry.

Dreaming of a Green Christmas

NTCA recycles, reuses for the downtown Parade of Lights



NTCA participated in the 11th Annual Christmas Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 4th. The school's float used recycled materials to create the float "Dreaming of a Green Christmas."



Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Needs You

We are seeking Cougar families who have gifts, talents, skills, and a little extra time to become involved in the Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Committee, which meets the second Tuesday of each month at the school.

P.R.I.D.E. stands for Philanthropy, Resource, Internal Communications, Development, and Events. Each area has opportunities for volunteers.

- **Philanthropy**—Helping our students develop a giving heart and generous spirit of serving others, such as Shoes for Orphan Souls
- **Resource**—a.k.a. "fund-raising" to help keep tuition rates rea-

sonable and provide scholarships.

- **Internal Communications**—newsletter, website
- **Development**—Everything from developing relationships with businesses to developing programs for our students.
- **Events**—Internal events such as the book fair and external events that give our students visibility in the community.

To volunteer, contact Joy Beach at 214.544.1794 or jbeach@northtexaschristian.org.

Our next meeting is at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14th.



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Save the Date:

March 31—NTCA Foundational Fund Dinner

December Lunch Volunteer Schedule

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for helping with our lunch program. If you can help with our lunches, or if you need to reschedule for any reason, please contact Theresa Winstead at 214.544.1794 or email her at twinstead@northtexaschristian.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Tina Tennison, Brenda Bartlett, Kelly Chacon, Jamie Pascale	2 Anndria Wilson	3 Alison Mains, Teresa and James Shaw, Sharon Dunlap
6 Emily Chapman, Molly Brewer	7 Colleen Haaland,	8 Tina Tennison, Joe Hicks, Linda Ndofo, Shannon Humphrey	9 Holly Milstead	10 Alison Mains, Vera Burrell, Ken Dunlap, Tina Autry
13 Emily Chapman, Angie Klovstad	14 Colleen Haaland, Chris Vilches	15 Tina Tennison, Brenda Bartlett, Jamie Pascale, Mandi Carlson	16 Anndria Wilson	17 Alison Mains, Teresa and James Shaw, Sharon Dunlap
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No School—Christmas Break				
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